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Compounds that Alter Toxin Persistence and/or
Protease Activity

APPLICANT'S REPLY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

This 26 page communication is responsive to a Non-final Office Action mailed May 26, 2006. The Office Action has been carefully considered, and the Applicants have the following comments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of the Applicants' Reply.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of the Applicants' Reply and are reflected in the listing of claims.

Remarks begin on page 12 of the Applicants' Reply.